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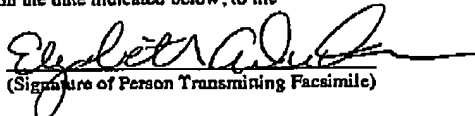
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 22,
2005, issued in the above-identified application, Applicant hereby elects
Group I, Claims 1, 3-5 and 8-10, drawn to a weld joint.

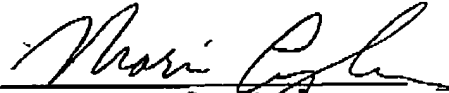
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